



HONORS PROGRAM COMMITTEE AGENDA

November 17th| 2:30-4pm|21247

Agenda Item

LPC Mission Statement

Las Positas College is an inclusive, learning-centered, equity-focused environment that offers educational opportunities and support for completion of students' transfer, degree, and career-technical goals while promoting lifelong learning.

LPC Planning Priorities

- ❖ Establish a knowledge base and an appreciation for equity; create a sense of urgency about moving toward equity; institutionalize equity in decision-making, assessment, and accountability; and build capacity to resolve inequities.
- ❖ Increase student success and completion through change in college practices and processes: coordinating needed academic support, removing barriers, and supporting focused professional development across the campus.
- ❖ Establish a knowledge base and appreciation for health and wellness in the workplace; create a sense of urgency about wellness; prioritize wellness in decision-making, assessment and accountability; and build capacity to support wellness.

Honors Program Committee

Non-Voting Members:

Co-Chairs
Jennifer Siders
Irena Keller

Voting Members:

Michelle Simotas
Aubrie Ross
Alain Olavarrieta
Dan Cearley
Marty Nash
Rafael Valle
Paul Sapsford
Sidhant Parashar

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Review and Approval of Agenda**
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**
4. **Action Items**
 - Vote on Honors Certificate and PSLOs
 - Vote on the final Mission Statement, SAO
 - Vote on new GPA requirements to enter the program
 - Choose a date for LPC symposium (before May 2nd BHC at Stanford) and start planning:
 - Subcommittees to meet in January and February
5. **Old Business**
 - Ali Fund for National Conference in STEM –no response from the foundation, how to proceed?
 - A Capstone Project idea – Honors independent Study?
6. **New Business**
 - Introducing Peer-Mentorship Program
7. **Updates/Informational Items**
 - Talking points for division meetings
 - Requiring Honors students based on Fall performance.
 - Reminders about completed Projects Reports
 - Contracts for Spring will be assigned before next meeting
 - Flex Sessions Report – thoughts for next time
 - NCHC conference updates
 - Honors Courses in Spring 2026
 - Updated on Honors Statistics: 336 in Fall
 - Publication subcommittee
 - Fundraising Updates
 - Outreach report: club fair, high school counselors event, and open house. Faculty is the best way to recruit honors students.
8. **For the Good of the Order**
9. **Adjournment**
10. **Next Regular Meeting: March 16th**

Fall meetings: August 18th, September 15th, October 20th, November 17th
Spring meetings: March 16th, April 20th, May 18th